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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application PCT/DE00/03310

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 are maintained for calculating the filing fee. Please cancel claims 3 to 8.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which introduces new claims 9 to 31 for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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